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PhilSys Step 2 Registration Starts on June 21 in Four Registration Centers in the Province

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Abra Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) started the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) Step 2 Registration on June 21, 2021 at the four Fixed Registration Centers (FRC): PSA Abra PSO, Poblacion, La Paz barangay hall and municipal halls of Bucay and Lagangilang. Step 2 registration is the capturing of fingerprints, iris scan and front facing photographs of registrants in the Step 1 registration.

Prior to the Step 2 registration, Chief Statistical Specialist Felixberto Perdido, Provincial Focal Person Ludivina Beñas, Information System Analyst (ISA) I Jonnel Aveño and Statistical/Administrative Clerk Judith Bugtong conducted the provincial training of four hired Registration Centers Supervisors (RCS), 13 Registration Kit Operators (RKO), four Screeners and four Alternate Screeners (AS) on June 9-11, 2021 at PSA PSO.

A registration team of six members (one RCS, three RKO, one Screener and one AS) were assigned in the municipalities of La Paz, Bucay and Lagangilang while a team of seven members (one RCS, four RKO, one screener and one AS) were assigned at PSA Abra FRC. A total of 3,915 Abreños were registered from June 21- 26, 2021. Schedules were given to the barangay chairmen to avoid overcrowding at the registration centers.

A foundational digital ID system, like PhilSys, will contribute to nation building. It will enable the Philippines to move away from inefficient and expensive physical documents, processes, and credentials to the use of digital equivalents. President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law the Republic Act No. 11055 or the Philippine Identification System Act on August 6, 2018. It aims to establish a single national identification system for all citizens and resident aliens of the Philippines.

PhilSys kit operators registering Abreños during the Step 2 Registration in the province.

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PSA Abra Completes the Collection of 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry/2020 Survey on Tourism Establishment of the Philippines (2020 ASPBI/STEP

PSA Abra completed the collection 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry/2020 Survey on Tourism Establishment of the Philippines (2020 ASPBI/STEP questionnaires on June 18, 2021.

The 2020 Annual Survey of Philippine Business and Industry (ASPBI) is the 48th in a series of annual surveys of establishments in the country. It aims to collect and generate information on the levels, structure, performance and trends of economic activities of the formal sector in the entire country for the year 2020. The 2020 Survey on Tourism Establishments on the other hand, served as a rider survey which aims to collect information on the available supply of tourism goods, products, and services, which are valuable inputs in the compilation of the Philippine Tourism Satellite Account (PTSA).

70 ASPBI and 7 STEP questionnaires were collected from the sample establishments in the province.

Personnel involved during distribution, and collection of questionnaires

2021 Updating the List of Establishments (ULE) Starts on May 11 in the Province

The 2021 Updating of the List of Establishments (ULE) started on May 11, 2021 in the province of Abra. Two regular personnel and two hired Statistical Researchers (SRs) conducted the listing.

The 2021 Updating of the List of Establishments (ULE) is a nationwide undertaking which aims to provide an updated and reliable sampling frame for the census and surveys of establishments and enterprise. It also aims to capture the changed in the distribution and characteristics of establishments business units due to emerging industries and the current business trends. This nationwide updating activity is necessary to assess the changes brought by the pandemic and some natural calamities that happened in 2020.

Prior to enumeration, Chief Statistical Specialist Felixberto B. Perdido and Statistical Analyst Maria Edna B. Ballera attended the 2nd level Training through video conferencing on April 6 – 8, 2021. Focal Ballera conducted the 3rd level training on May 5 to 7, 2021 at the provincial office.

Personnel involved during the listing of establishments

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN ABRA: April 2021

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all income household in Abra for April 2021 increased by 0.65 percent in all item index from 122.7 in March 2021 to 123.5 this month.

Increases were recorded in the following indices under Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages: Bread and cereals (109.8 to 110.6); Rice (107.7 to 108.7); Other Cereals, flour, cereal preparation bread, pasta and other bakery products (117.5 to 118.5); Meat (128.2 to 132.5); Fish and Seafood (130.7 to 133.2); and Fruit (152.9 to 158.2). On the other hand, decrease indices of some items were recorded in Vegetables (125.7 to 120.7) and Food products N.E.C. (124.1 to 122.9). No percent change was recorded on Corn; Milk, cheese and eggs; Oils and fats; Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate & Confectionery; and Non-Alcoholic Beverages.

Non-Food group & services has a 0.25 percent change in the current month. The increases were recorded on the following indices: Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other fuels (110.8 to 112.6); Health (114.4 to 114.6) and Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services (130.7 to 131.6). Decrease was recorded under Transport (110.6 to 109.5). On the other hand, indices remained unchanged in Clothing & Footwear; Maintenance of the house; Communication; Recreation and Culture; and Education.

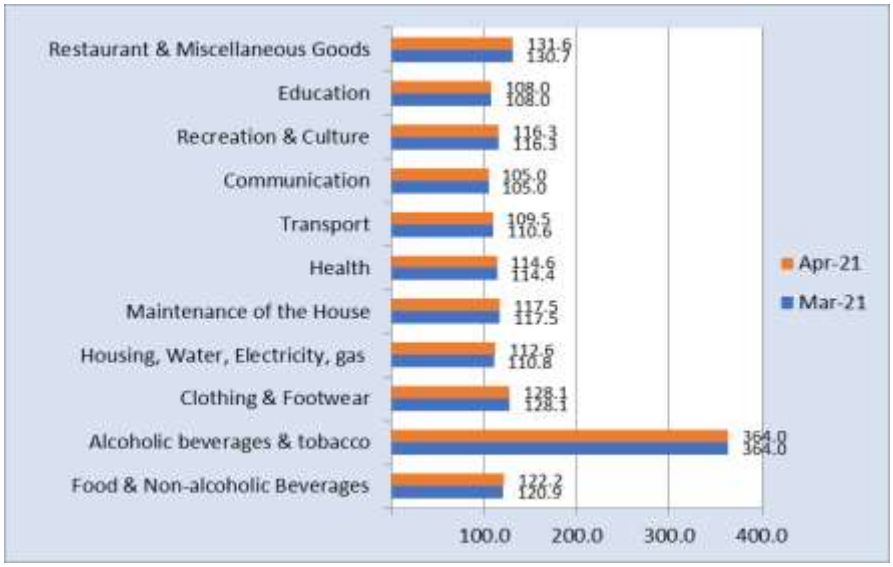


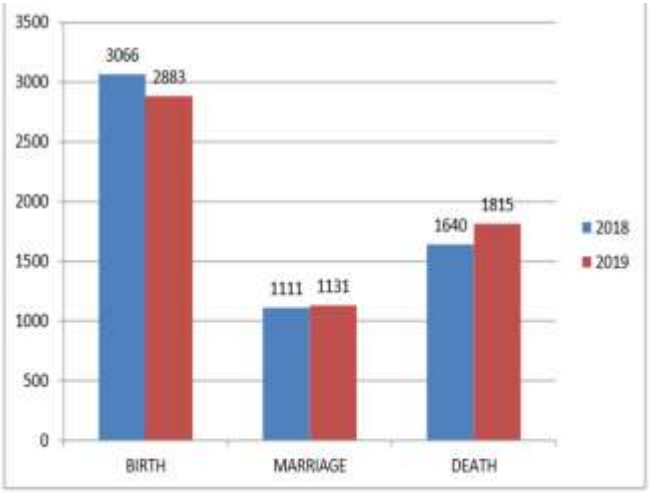
Figure 1. Consumer Price Index for All Income Households by Commodity Group, ABRA: March 2021 and April 2021 (2012=100)

The trend of inflation rate in the province for the period April 2020 to April 2021. Inflation rate posted the least in April 2020 with 1.7 percent while its highest inflation rate was observed in March 2021 with 4.2 percent.

Figure 2. Inflation Rate (IR) by Month in Abra: April 2020 to April 2021

REGISTERED VITAL EVENTS IN ABRA IN 2018 AND 2019

The registered vital events in 2018 and 2019 increased by 0.21 percent. The number of registered births in 2019 is lesser by 183 than that of 2018. The number of registered marriages is higher by 20 or 1.80 percent, while the registered deaths is higher by 175 or 10.67 percent.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics

Figure 3. Number of Registered Live Birth, Marriage and Death in Abra in 2018 and 2019 ABRA: March 2021 and April 2021 (2012=100)

The total number of registered deaths in 2019 is higher by 175 equivalent to 11.0 percent increase compared to 2018. This translates to about 5 registered deaths per day in 2018 and 2019. The number of registered deaths was recorded in the municipality of Bangued with 331 in 2018 and 364 in 2019, an increase of 9.97 percent; followed by the municipality of La Paz with registered deaths of 110 in 2018 and 139 in 2019, an increase of 26.36 percent. The lowest registered number of death was recorded in the municipality of Boliney with only 7 registered deaths in 2018 and increased to 18 in 2019 with 157.14 percent increase. Note however, that the registered deaths in the municipality of Villaviciosa doubled from 28 in 2018 and increased to 56 in 2019.

MUNICIPALITY	2018	2019	PERCENT CHANGE
Bangued	331	364	9.97
Boliney	7	18	157.14
Bucay	126	135	7.14
Bucloc	18	22	22.22
Daguioman	13	14	7.69
Danglas	32	29	-9.375
Dolores	89	94	5.62
La Paz	110	139	26.36
Lacub	13	19	46.15
Lagangilang	111	85	-23.42
Lagayan	21	28	33.33
Langiden	29	24	-17.24
Licuan-Baay (Licuan)	30	32	6.67
Luba	41	51	24.39
Malibcong	22	27	22.73
Manabo	64	91	42.19
Peñarrubia	42	46	9.52
Pidigan	92	90	-2.17
Pilar	83	76	-8.43
Sallapadan	39	43	10.26
San Isidro	43	35	-18.60
San Juan	65	78	20.00
San Quintin	32	48	50.00
Tayum	106	123	16.04
Tineg	13	17	30.77
Tubo	40	31	-22.50
Villaviciosa	28	56	100.00
TOTAL	**1,640**	**1,816**	**11.00**

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority, Vital Statistics, 2018 and 2019

Table 1. Number of Deaths by Usual Residence of Deceased per Municipality, 2018 and 2019.

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AA VI Casem Conducts Ocular Inspection on CRASM Application

Administrative Aide VI Paz Lourelie Casem conducted an ocular inspection for the validation of the CRASM application of Pastor Rudy A. Lorenzo of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness – Bucloc Congregation located at Tui, Daguioman, Abra on April 7, 2021 Pastor Lorenzo is a new applicant.

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness – Bucloc Congregation located at Tui, Daguioman, Abra

Other Events

Lecture Series on Pertinent Laws & Rules Affecting Government Employees & Refresher Course on CRASM

Administrative Officer I Lulette Agudelo attended the virtual lecture series on pertinent Laws and Rules affecting government employees spearheaded by the Legal Service of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) on June 3-4, 2021.

Administrative Aide VI Alex Ancheta and Paz Lourelie Casem attended the online Refresher Course on the Registration of the Authority of Solemnizing Officers, Marriage Laws and other related matters on June 22-23, 2021 by the RSSO-CAR, CRASD

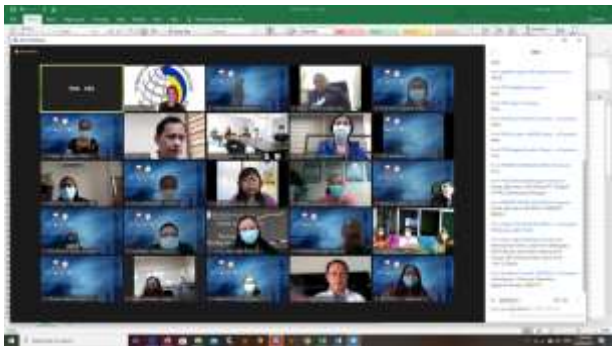

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Table 2. CPI, Inflation Rate and Purchasing Power of Peso : 2nd quarter 2021

Month	CPI	Inflation Rate	Purchasing Power of Peso
April	123.5	4.1	0.81
May	123.5	3.4	0.81
June	123.2	2.9	0.81

Table 3. Number of Requested and Released Documents at PSA-Abra : 2nd Quarter 2021

Month	No. of Requested Documents	No. of Released Documents
April	1891	1512
May	1078	862
June	2124	1701

Table 3 shows the month of June has the highest number of request at the Abra Batch Request Query System (BREQS) outlet and picture below are clients requesting and receiving SECPA copies of COLB, Marriage, Death and CENOMAR.

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